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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. [REDACTED], Chairman
USIB Committee on Procurement of
Foreign Publications

SUBJECT: Soviet Efforts to Secure Publications

1. At our meetings of 3 October and 21 November, we discussed efforts by the State Public Scientific and Technical Library of the USSR to secure US publications not normally available to them. These Soviet efforts had been brought to our attention by the Soviet and Eastern European Exchanges Staff of the Department of State and by reports received from CIA domestic field offices. Copies of the Minutes of the above meetings and our Status Report of 13 November, which discuss this matter, are attached herewith for your information.

2. As you will note from the Minutes of the 21 November meeting, Mr. John Green, the Director of the Office of Technical Services of the Department of Commerce, suggested the compilation of an unclassified list of Soviet publications of interest to the intelligence community for transmittal to the US public through the Department of Commerce without attribution to the intelligence community. It has been suggested that this activity would fall more directly in your sphere of responsibility and that your Committee pursue this matter directly with Mr. Green. Unless otherwise advised, we assume that you will take the necessary action on this matter. If we can be of assistance please let us know.

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Executive Secretary
USIB Committee on Exchanges

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